

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Prisons Department - Providing Medical facilities to the prisoners - Enhancement of honorarium to the visiting Medical Officers - Orders - Issued.

HOME (PRISONS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 268

Dated:16-11-2011

Read the following:

- 1.G.O.Ms.No.261,Home[Prisons.C] deptt.,dt.23.11.2004,
- 2.G.O.Ms.No.115, Home [Pri.A] deptt., dt.20.02.2009,
3. From the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter No.EA3/820/2010, dated 18-12-2010 & 15-06-2011.

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ORDER :

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, orders were issued for providing medical facilities to the inmates of all Sub jails in the State by the Medical Officers of the concerned Primary Health Centers on payment of honorarium Rs.350/- per month.

2. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the honorarium payable to the visiting Medical Officers of Government Medical Institutions / Community Health Centers / Primary Health Centers, has been enhanced from Rs.350/- to Rs.700/- per month.

3. The Director General & Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, in his letters 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, has informed that the National Human Right Commission has instructed to maintain medical records for all prisoners admitted in Prisons and it is difficult to prepare these sheets on regular basis unless the Medical Officers visit the Prisons regularly. Any delay or failure to provide timely treatment resulting in the death of any prisoner, thereby attracting adverse attention of National Human Right Commission, State Human Rights Commission and Courts, which would ultimately compel the Government to pay huge compensation to the family of the deceased. He has, therefore, requested to enhance the honorarium to the visiting Medical Officers, for effective treatment of the prisoners.

4. The Government after careful examination and in view of the position explained in para-3 supra, hereby issue orders for payment of a consolidated amount of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) per mensem to each of the visiting medical officers for visiting a sub-jail twice a week, subject to minimum (8) visits a month or as often as needed to meet all the requirements stipulated by the National Human Right Commission, duly following the guidelines given under.

- i) Minimum 8 visits a month, apart from the emergency calls
- ii) The Doctor shall invariably maintain the medical sheets, as per the guidelines prescribed by the NHRC for all the prisoners confined in Sub-Jails.
- iii) If need be, the cases shall be referred to the Government Hospitals for Specialists' opinion for further diagnosis/treatment.
- iv) The following registers shall be maintained by the medical officers:

- a) Medical Journal.
- b) Medicines Register.
- c) Medical sheets prescribed by the NHRC.
- d) Health card for prison inmates.
- e) Record of regular visits to be maintained.

- v) All Prisoners to be screened at least once in a month.
- vi) Special care to be taken towards HIV, TB & Cancer patients.
- vii) Regular reports should be prepared to send them for special care in Government Hospitals so that the convict patients get proper medical attention in time.

Expenditure to be incurred for the [144] sub jails spread over the State for the above purpose is estimated at Rs.86,40,000/- annually, and which amounts to Rs.57,80,000/- for the current financial year.

5. The Government has therefore accord sanction for an amount of Rs.57,80,000/- [Rupees fifty seven lakhs eighty thousands only], during the current financial year, 2011-12 and the expenditure shall be debited to "MH 2056 Jails - MH 101 - Jails - SH 04 Jails-280/284 Other payments", which will be regularized at appropriate time by obtaining supplementary grants.

6. The Health Medical & Family Welfare [B] Department are requested to issue instructions to the Medical Officers of Government Medical Institutions / Community Health Centres / Primary Health Centres to visit local sub jails in the State and to extend the medical facilities to the prisoners adhering to the guidelines mentioned in para-4 above.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance [Expr.Home] Department vide their U.O.No.3163/426/A2/Expr.Home/2011, Dated 11-11-2011.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.P.ACHARYA,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director General & Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad

Copy to  
Health Medical & Family Welfare [B] Department.  
Finance [Expr.Home] Department.  
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